

ORSINI AND THE AUSTRIAN DUNGEONS IN ITALY.

Who has not heard of Felice Orsini?—who singularly disquieted career, during the bygone twelve years, terminating with his decapitation on the 13th of March last, for attempted regicide—will, in after times, serve to “point a moral or adorn a tale.”

He was born in 1819, at Meldola, a small town in the Roman States. His father was an officer in the service of the First Napoleon, and took part in the ill-starred expedition to Russia in 1812. At an early period of his life, Orsini incurred the vengeance of his country’s despots, by manifesting an unconquerable desire to free Italy from their tyranny. For a considerable time he was mixed up with the schemes of the anarchical party, and, some four years ago, joined an expedition which resulted in his being immured in the dungeons of Mantua.

Scarcely two years ago, a thrilling narrative of his fifteen months’ imprisonment there, and final escape from the Fortress of St. George, was published in London, it being a translation by Mr. J. Meriton White, from the private MSS. of Orsini. Recent events in France, which Orsini bore so conspicuous a part, have invested this unpretending little volume with fresh interest. His narrative abounds with startling incident, and his sketches are graphic and vigorous. The work is divided into six chapters, commencing with his journey to

switzerland to Hungary, in October, 1884, and, returning rapidly through all the leading cities, which followed that to him, fatal step.

picture. Orsini draws off the life in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and makes the blood run cold to the spines of all who read details of his arrest at Hermannstadt, in December of the same year, and his journey, as a prisoner, to Vienna, which he reached, after a month's travel, thoroughly worn out and fatigued and the brutal treatment of his escort : to such a state of prostration, indeed, was Orsini reduced, that the turkey to which safe keeping he was consigned, wept at the sight. Previous to his examination by the special commission appointed for that purpose Orsini was imprisoned in the Polizei Haus, which he says :—

The building is an ancient convent, and case is taken to make the cells as uncomfortable and cruel as possible. The prisoner is brought to this place he is stripped naked, and, while he, which he craved and had being taken from him, he huddled in with other prisoners, the regulations being that none shall remain alone. The result is a ghastly sight, and the prisoners are so crowded together that they are almost suffocated. The floor is of light wood, and is dusted with the small gritty, white, and is covered with sacks of straw lay on the floor, black with dirt, and some filthy rags for all covering. On entering the cells, the prisoner is met by the awful stench arising from the unemptied utensils, and the filthy straw floor. He is asked for a clean sack of straw, well known to be fresh one is appropriated to each new comer. I told them that I must be content with what I could find, and I brought myself down on one, all dressed as I was, and in a short time I was lying on the straw.

I brought up black bread and a thin water soup, with a piece of meat; an attempt to eat this latter was immediately brought on a fit of vomiting.

After a few days after my arrival, I was taken from the prison, and conducted into the presence of the judicial official who seemed to me to be about sixty years of age. He was the commander-in-chief of the Foreign Department. He informed me that I was not a native of Switzerland, but a Frenchman, and on the following morning he should be called on to confess the truth, and advised me to prepare myself to confess the truth, that on my so doing depended the period of my detention. He treated me with great austerity, but always with civility.

On the following day I was taken into a room of the Polizei Haus, where I found the commander, and with other individuals, who performed the duties of secretary. The examination was tedious in the details, but only made me more certain that such portions as have to do with the details of my life, and I was allowed that Harnach was an assumed name, but refused to give my real one, alleging, as a reason, that to do so now, after having been imprisoned, loaded with chains, and cast into a common prison, would inflict a blow on my old parents, who would never survive the knowledge of my fate.

passed myself off for a Swiss, the more easily to be the Austrian army; that if I had broken any of the imperial laws, I was willing to suffer the punishment for my offence; but if some one was to be prosecuted for the crime of treason, I was free, or at least be transferred to Tuscany, my country. I urged this last point, because to Tuscany I should have to traverse countries well known to me, and I hoped to escape the vigilance of the gendarmes, and the persecutions of the courts that followed. My replies, which were Italian, were written down in German. I exhorted all my ingenuity to evade detection, and they on me to decide clearly for themselves whether I was or was not a political prisoner. I thought that I had not then had so real grounds for my arrest; so that when if a promise was given me to allow me to emigrate for Venice and Trieste, this was all that I required. The commandant replied, that he well knew I had had the impression of being a political prisoner, that he had learned my real name from other quarters, that so far from this being the first time that I had been chained or imprisoned, his private opinion was that I had had considerable experience in that line. I now saw that I was not to be deceived by the distinguished revolutionist. He added, however, that if even a safe-conduct were granted to me, I would not be respected by the Austrian government, who knowing every incident of my past life, were well aware that I was a political prisoner. He then journeyed than those of simply entering the Austrian army. In short, he said that if nothing could positively be proved against me, the utmost result I could hope for, would be to be confined in some form of prison, without any special advantages, and without more tranquil aspect. Again he reiterated his promises that I would confess to my own name; and he obliged to content himself with taking two days' types of my person.

Every one who had been known to speak during the trial, I had remained silent, and I was now Her. The most extraordinary aspect, closely

With my politics, I had no connection with any political association.

I was asked "what persons and to what cities I had sent letters during my sojourn in Vienna." I replied as follows: "I sent, and I felt safe in doing so, I knew at none of my letters were sent to the hands."

On the 4th February I was brought up for examination before Signor Albergheggi, Judge of the Criminal Court, and the examination was made for this examination. It took place by daylight. Four candles were placed on the table. Four individuals were present, two of whom were Signor Albergheggi, and a second army officer, who said clearly that it was useless to deny the matter any longer, and so there, then I felt as I felt on. On this they requested me to relate the particulars of my political life.

I said that, as the call of the Roman republic had making ref. in Piedmont, and from that time I had not meddled with politics. As to the object of my journey, I confirmed what I had previously said, and that I had adopted the name of Hernagh, thinking to accomplish my object more easily than if I retained my own. Moreover, that I dreamed being given over to the hands of the Austrian government, and the cruel government, and I entreated my judges that they had any intention of consigning me to the hands of the Austrian government, and I entreated my judges to alter their minds, and shoot me at once in Austria, and I said that I had no objection to being shot at once, and at each examination the same formalities were served. I found in Signor Albergheggi a honest and straightforward examiner.

When I was sent to the criminal prisons, I hoped to be sent to cell 51, in company with five thieves; it was 24 feet by twelve; it was best in the whole prison; nevertheless, what with cold, the filth, the vermin, and the smoke, I have been in a very short space of time. I thought I should have become an idiot, nor did I escape from a state of the wildest irritation until so prostrate that I was unable to do anything.

While the five thieves slept and I was lying there, they manufactured out of their shavings on the straw with thorns.

like almost all others in Tasmania, marsupial, havin'g the pouch, or purse, so well known in the kangaroo and opossum species. It has a very formidable appearance, the mouth, like that of the "devil," being large, and furnished with long and very strong teeth, a white as ivory, and the jaws extending far into the skull. The tiger is marked very beautifully on the sides and tail with yellow stripes on a mouse-colored ground, and is about two feet and a half in height, and rather more than three feet in length. — *Robert Power*

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